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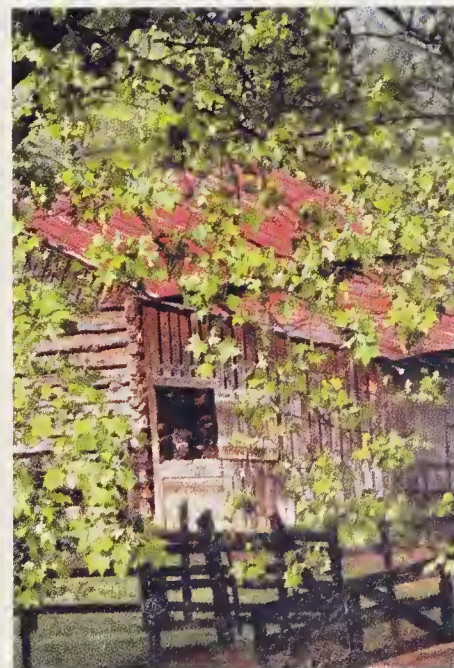
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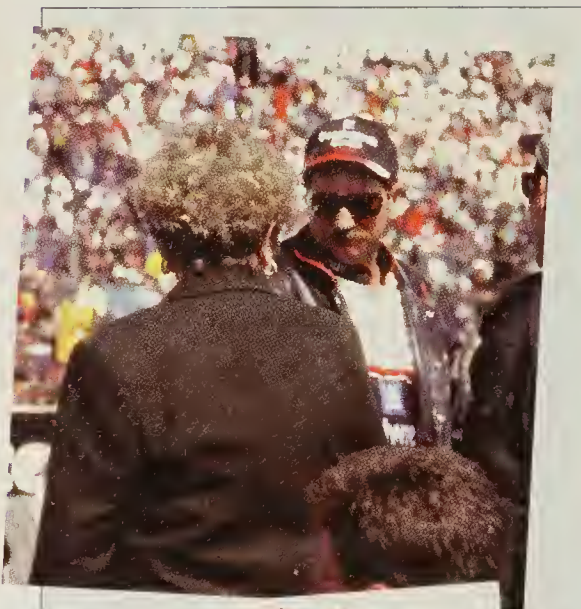
Easter Bunny Bread with Mushroom Spinach Dip.



#### On the Cover

April comes to a horse barn in Wilkes County. (© by Robert Stadler.)





## He was one of us

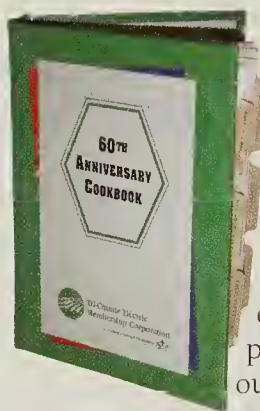
North Carolina's Touchstone Energy® cooperatives in February sponsored a 30-minute radio tribute to NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt, of Kannapolis, who died Feb. 18 in the Daytona 500 Winston Cup race. The tribute was broadcast on radio stations statewide. A lifelong North Carolina resident, Dale Earnhardt represented the soul of stock car racing for fans worldwide.

## Our Miracle Tree

When I was 16 years old (I'm 80 now), a terrible March wind blew down our favorite apple tree. As Mama and Daddy passed it on their way to the store, Mama said, "Now Lord, it is just as easy for you to set that tree up again as it was for the devil to tear it down." When they returned the tree was up straight and remained, giving us apples until 1960 when the state widened the lane.

Lillian B. Campbell  
West Jefferson

## 525 recipes for \$12



Our cooperative published a 60th anniversary cookbook in the fall of 2000. The three-ring binder included 525 recipes that were collected from our members and employees. Your fine publication featured our cookbook and we received over 500

orders. All proceeds from the sale of the cookbook are being used for scholarships to deserving seniors in our area.

Thanks for promoting our cause, and a special thanks to the fine readers of the magazine who purchased our cookbook. I feel as though I have had a geography lesson, for the cooperative has had orders from Frisco to Harmony and from Palmer, Alaska to Dover, Delaware.

J. Michael Davis, general manager  
Tri-County EMC  
Dudley

### Editor's Note

A limited number of Tri-County EMC cookbooks are still available at \$12 (this includes the cost and shipping and handling). Orders can be placed through Tri-County Electric, P. O. Box 130, Dudley, NC 28333.



## Jonquils in the Snow

I am writing from Lexington, where we are having a freezing rain/snow/sleet storm. I took pictures just now of jonquils in the snow.

Dian Kinney  
EnergyUnited



## Handmade

This is a photo of a wagon my husband built for me. I did all the painting and craft work.

Ann Swink  
Statesville (Love Valley)

## Cape Hatteras Lighthouse plates helped Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum



I had to write to tell you how much Carolina Country has helped us promote

North Carolina's first historic license plate, depicting the magnificent Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. When you first ran a feature for us in July 1995, we were working hard to reach a goal of 300 plates so production could begin. Reader response was remarkable.

This afternoon I spoke with the offices at the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles. An astounding 2,856 plates have been issued to date. The Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum receives \$20 from each plate sold, and the money has certainly been put to good use this past year. Construction of the museum building began on January 10, 2000 and is continuing.

We most sincerely appreciate your support and that of your readers as well.

Helen Mills Wilson  
Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum  
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## No junk

Just wanted you to know that of all the magazines I receive, yours is the top of the list. I savor every word. I think it's the concept of the actual hardworking, good people who make NC their home. Never any bad junk, only good informative stories and recipes. I just wanted you to know how much I enjoy the magazine.

Mary Wood  
Rocky Mount



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### End of the Rainbow

Here is a photo of a rainbow that appears to end in our pasture in Union Mills. I grew up in Union Mills, but my husband and I built here only a year ago. We now know we have found the end of the rainbow.

Lynette N. Melton  
Union Mills  
Rutherford EMC

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by Donna Hardy







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## At the state legislature

Members of electric cooperative boards of directors met with state legislators in February in Raleigh to discuss restructuring, competition and issues of concern their co-ops and communities.



Shown around the table (from left) are Tideland EMC general manager Bill Stacy, Albemarle EMC manager of technical

services Brad Furr, Albemarle EMC general manager Jeff Edwards, Cape Hatteras Electric general manager Jim Sherfey, and state Senate president pro tem Marc Basnight of Dare County.

Greeting each other at a reception are (from left) Lumbee River EMC director Lacy Cummings, Brunswick EMC director Monroe Enzor, Rep. Douglas Yongue of Scotland County and Rep. Donald Bonner of Robeson County. (Photos by Duane Salstrand)



## I choose clean air, even if energy would cost more

I read with interest your response to letters to the editor regarding burning coal to fill this country's desire for cheap energy. You seemed concerned with low-income and fixed-income because they are the most affected by the rising cost of energy. You did not state what percentage of all consumers this segment represents. Is it big enough that everyone should pay for their electricity by breathing bad air?

I would much prefer to see some assistance program made available to these folks rather than risking the health of my children and grandchildren by polluted air. The choice is very obvious: We can breathe good air, or we can have cheap energy.

And let us be honest. All of us in the United States have been spoiled by cheap energy achieved at the expense of the environment and unnecessary depletion of resources worldwide. Even if I have to pay more to subsidize the fixed and low-income folks, I choose clean air.

Ron Hunter  
East Bend  
Surry-Yadkin EMC

## Information on alternative energy work

I have greatly appreciated your articles on "Coal, The Environment, and the Energy Future." I am interested in the research that North Carolina and other co-ops throughout the nation are doing on alternative energy resources, especially fuel cells and micro turbines. I would appreciate any information on these subjects so I may use it when I contact my state and federal elected officials.

Bob Irwin  
Sorrento, Fla.

### Editor's Note.

The electric cooperatives of North Carolina have invested in developing technology of distributed generation, which is an alternative to conventional centralized power-plant-based generation. Through their generation and transmission cooperative — The North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation in Raleigh (NCEMC) — the electric cooperatives are members of Energy Co-Opportunity (ECO), a Washington D.C.

cooperative dedicated solely to developing and bringing to commercial fruition distributed generation. ECO has invested over \$15 million into a fuel cell manufacturing company and plans to market commercial fuel cells in late 2001.

NCEMC and ECO are engaged in a program to test a residential-type fuel cell in coastal conditions. ECO additionally is investing in and marketing solar photovoltaic units and natural gas micro-turbines.

NCEMC is a member of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), headquartered in Washington D.C. For several years, NRECA and its member cooperatives throughout the United States have committed considerable resources to research and development to improve the electricity service of cooperatives. Through this program, the electric cooperatives have investigated several distributed generation projects, with the most recent being fuel cells.

Also, NCEMC is among the electric utilities who support the work of

Advanced Energy Corporation. The Raleigh-based organization was formed in 1980 by the N.C. Utilities Commission to research alternative ways of producing and using electricity efficiently. Advanced Energy's mission is to "increase efficiency and productivity in industries, businesses and homes as they transform energy into goods, services, and environmental conditioning."



Illustration of a residential-sized, gas-fueled fuel cell. See our article on "What Are Fuel Cells" at [www.carolinacountry.com](http://www.carolinacountry.com) section called "Your Guide To . . ."





## Restructuring Update

### Northwest

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) reported in February that wholesale electricity prices could be up as much as 450 percent by October. The BPA is a federal utility that wholesales electric power produced at 29 federal dams in the northwestern U.S., as well as power from one non-federal nuclear plant. Drought conditions could also cause BPA to increase the water flow through dams instead of using it to aid in salmon migration, the agency said.

### Arkansas: Delay until Oct. 2003

Gov. Mike Huckabee signed a measure that will put off electric utility deregulation until at least October 2003. The state had earlier considered introducing deregulation by January 2002. The state's utility regulatory body must first determine that a competitive market exists, consumers will benefit through lower costs, and an independent transmission system is in place.

### California: State-run power?

The state Senate endorsed a plan to produce a state-run power authority. It must still be approved by the Assembly. The Sacramento Bee quoted state Sen. Sheila Kuehl saying, "Regulation in its own measure is a necessary part of the equipment of government, and one that we should continue to use." However, Republicans attacked the power authority as "big government." GOP Sen. Bill Morrow was quoted saying, "With the passage of this bill...I think we can say that deregulation in the state of California will be officially dead."

### Idaho: Trying to prevent it

The state Senate unanimously approved a measure that could prevent electric deregulation in Idaho. Consumer advocates contended that since Idaho has among the lowest electricity rates in the nation, deregulation would mean higher prices.



### New York: Power plants needed

In New York City, power plant construction is racing ahead so that the city does not experience the same problems California did this summer. Work on plant construction started in January after the New York Port Authority determined an additional 300 megawatts of generation was needed to ensure no power interruptions this summer. The power authority is installing natural gas-fired turbines on six acre-and-a-half lot sites. Two of the 10 General Electric turbines are already in New York, and the construction team will be beefed up in an effort to meet the June 1 deadline.

### Oklahoma: Delay until 2004?

With a vote of 29-1, the state House Energy and Utility Regulation Committee approved delaying electric utility deregulation from July 1, 2002, until at least January 1, 2004.

### Pennsylvania: It's working

Pennsylvania energy leaders say that deregulation is working in their state. Regulators are concerned, but doubtful that Pennsylvania will experience California-like problems with its power market. Public Utility Commission member Terrance Fitzpatrick told The Philadelphia Inquirer, "As long as our supply and demand remain in relative balance, I don't think there is any chance our

prices could go anywhere near where they have gone in California."

### Virginia: Furniture makers worried

Furniture manufacturers this winter asked state officials to delay deregulation until the impact on electricity prices can be studied further. In their own pricing study, 10 furniture companies with manufacturing operations in Virginia noted that foreign competition is affecting them and that higher operating costs would place them in jeopardy. Other corporations have supported deregulation of the power supply business in Virginia, including DuPont, Ford, Honeywell and Newport News Shipbuilding.

### West Virginia: "A good idea"

State government's Public Service Commission officials continue to encourage deregulation. Commissioner Charlotte Lane told The Charleston Gazette, "The public needs to be reassured that what happened in California won't happen here." Meanwhile, PSC consumer advocate Jack Gregg said the deregulation plan is a good idea because it would cap rate increases for the first 13 years, free-market competition would provide better prices in the long run, and electric providers would have incentives to develop and install new technologies.

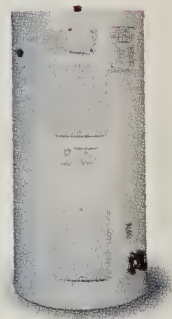


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# Getting Bait with Dad

*Dozens of crickets loose in the house was nothing compared to the Catawba worms.*

by Becka Laughter Powers

When I was a kid, “We need to get some bait” was a phrase I dearly loved to hear. That meant that some sort of adventure with my Dad was in store.

Getting bait was a part of my growing up in the Blue Ridge Mountains. To me it was something special. A bit of freedom. Being able to do things with my Dad. Small things. I mean who would think digging worms could be fun? Especially to a girl. But it was.

And the kind of bait you used was important, too. Of course there were always plugs and spinners and flies, but for your basic bait, you used worms. The mainstay of fishing bait has always been worms.

We had three main varieties. First were the god-awful “wigglers.” Tiny, and constantly wiggling, hard to hook and it took a half dozen to even qualify for bait. Next were garden-variety three to four-inch worms. And you usually *could* find them in the garden. Not too hard to catch or get on a hook.

The king of the worms was The Night Crawler. Hunting for night crawlers was pretty exciting stuff. Even the name — *night crawler* — was enough to evoke strange ideas. These huge, six- to eight-inch worms never came out during the



Illustration by Jackie Pittman



daytime, only after dark. And Dad said you had to use “strategy” to catch them. I never was sure what “strategy” was, but we must have used it because we usually came back with a bucket full of night crawlers.

Second on the bait list was water bait like minnows, lizards, crawdads and the prized “sweet bait.” Big fat white grub worms. I never did learn what they were really called. Dad just called them “sweet bait.” They lived under the moss and decaying leaves, and the fish just flat out loved them.

Now my brother John became a good bait getter. He used anything. Grasshoppers. June bugs. Even bee larva. But one of his main contributions to the bait lore came when he was older and I was out of the house. John started fishing with crickets.

One time, John brought in his cricket box filled with crickets, and he left it in the cool of the basement. Of course, no one will admit to what happened next. But most folks agree that either John had forgotten to close the lid or one of the younger sisters became too curious and poked around in the cricket box. However it happened, the box opened and dozens and dozens of crickets made their escape into the basement.

The basement at the rock house was unfinished. No dirt anywhere, but hundreds of places for determined crickets to hide. And sing. And that’s what they did. For months. If you’ve ever been kept awake by a solitary noisy cricket in the house, you have some idea of what it was like with dozens of chirping crickets in the basement.

Needless to say, John didn’t do much cricket fishing after that.

But that was nothing compared to the saga of the Catawba worms.

Now the interesting thing about Catawba worms was that you didn’t have to do anything to them after you got them from the Catawba tree. You didn’t have to worry about dirt or using them up real soon, because you could put them in a paper sack and put them into the refrigerator and the dumb worms would think it was wintertime and they would more or less stop moving. Almost like they were hibernating. So, it wasn’t uncommon for Dad to put a sack of worms in the back of the refrigerator, and if he were lucky Mother would not realize what was going on until he had used them for bait.

*You could put Catawba worms in a paper sack and put them into the refrigerator, and the dumb worms would think it was wintertime and they would more or less stop moving.*

Usually, he was lucky. Except for that one time.

We had caught hundreds and hundreds of Catawba worms. At least to my eyes it seems liked hundreds. Had they been money, we would have been rich. And Dad even said that was the most he’d ever caught. He had to put them in a great big paper grocery bag in the bottom of the refrigerator. Mother didn’t pay much attention to it, because we were going out of town for the weekend to visit my Aunt Rose who lived in High Point.

None of us liked the drive, but we all liked Aunt Rose, so that made the trip bearable. I don’t recall the trip and the coming back was uneventful for John and me because we went to sleep in the back seat of that old blue and white Pontiac. Peaceful kids sleep. We had no

idea of what awaited us at home.

Well, the power had gone off at the rock house and had stayed off for most of the weekend while we were gone. And that meant the refrigerator wasn’t cold any longer. And that meant the Catawba worms weren’t in hibernation any more.

I don’t think my Mother ever totally got over it. Innocently opening the refrigerator that night, she let out a scream that woke the household, the neighborhood and probably Aunt Rose back in High Point. Because there were fuzzy black and yellow Catawba worms all over the refrigerator. In the butter. In the lettuce. In the milk jar. In the green beans. All over the bacon. Floating in the jug of water. Several were stuck in the jam pot. They were in the egg carton.

It was even worse than we imagined, because some of the worms had crawled down the drain and got into the motor. When the power came on, the Catawbas were ground up. And while the motor still worked, it smelled bad. Real bad. For a long time.

Now, I did hear Dad having several good laughs in retelling the story. And it was pretty funny, except for my poor Mother.

Other memories of Catawba bait are scarce after that. I do know that my mother wouldn’t rest until she was able to get a new refrigerator, and never again were anonymous paper bags allowed in it.

*Becka Laughter Powers lives in Stony Creek. She is a retired schoolteacher and freelance writer.*



# Carolina Country's

# Believe It Or Not

Strange stories that you say are true

*Thanks to everyone who submitted stories about strange but true experiences. We plan to put more of them on our Web site at [www.carolinacountry.com](http://www.carolinacountry.com).*

*Next month we'll publish your accounts and pictures of "The View From Here." [Deadline was March 15.] For the remaining themes and deadlines in our "Nothing Could Be Finer" series, see page 16.*

## Charlie, the dog, solves a problem

Several years ago, my husband, Buddy, and I had a black Labrador retriever named Charlie. For a long time we thought Charlie had a hearing defect. After working with him, we realized that he was not hard of hearing. He was simply intelligent enough to have selective listening. Several months would pass, however, before we discovered just how intelligent Charlie was.

Charlie and Buddy enjoyed jogging together on a dirt road near our home. Every day as they ascended a certain hill, a small dog would run out to them barking and snapping, as if their ankles would be the small dog's next meal. This ritual went on for several weeks. One day as Buddy and Charlie made the turn onto the dirt road, Charlie accelerated his pace to get far in front of Buddy. Buddy just shook his head in amusement as Charlie came to a sudden stop and sat down at the top of the hill.

Right on schedule the small, barking dog ran out to greet Charlie, nipping at his ankles. Charlie, acting as if he had just woken from a nap, stood up, raised his hind leg and pretended that the small dog was a fire hydrant. The small dog tucked his tail between his legs and ran home. Charlie then joined my husband and they continued their morning jog. The small dog never bothered them again.

Sylvia and Buddy Wray  
Lincolnton  
Rutherford EMC

## Daddy's midnight date

Have you ever heard the saying, "You snore so loud, you're callin' hogs"? Well, my daddy has always snored real loud, and my mom would always tease him by saying, "You keep callin' hogs, I'm gonna let 'em in."

Well, one night my sister and I were awakened by snorting and grunting outside our bedroom window. We got up, got Mom, and went to the back door. Sure enough, here comes a big ol' sow. The sow tried to grab the bottom of the screen door with her mouth and open it.

We went back to their bedroom and, of course, Daddy was "callin' hogs." Mom hollered, "Earl, get up! Your date's here."

He got up, put on his clothes, and went outside to chase away his date. Well, Daddy took his belt and chased the sow around the house, then the sow chased him. By that time, my brother had joined us at the door, and we all stood there laughing so hard, we were in tears.

Deanna L. Williams  
Robersonville  
Edgecombe-Martin County EMC

## The biggest chicken egg you ever saw

My husband, Gilbert, and I live on a small farm. We have



some chickens, which provide us wonderful fresh eggs. Last summer Gilbert noticed one hen that was moving around very slowly, acting sickly. We thought she would

probably die. The next day I went in to the chicken lot and found a huge egg lying on the ground. It was so large and heavy that it was obvious why the hen could not get up in a nest to lay it. After she delivered it, she was fine.

We kept the egg for a few days to show other people, because it was too large to believe without seeing. We made guesses about how many yolks it would have. Finally, I let our grandson Gregory Noonan crack it. Inside was a yolk and white of an egg, plus another complete egg, shell and all!

Florine Slaughter  
Newport  
Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative



## Goodbye to Papa



On Sunday, November 13, 1988, my mother, sister and I went to Northampton County for a weekend visit with family and friends. We visited my mother's parents in Severn, having a wonderful time talking about many things. We took pictures that day, Papa included, which was unusual because he didn't like his picture made. We said our goodbyes to Grandma at the house.

We drove to the end of the pecan tree-lined driveway to where Papa was talking to a friendly neighbor. The three of us got out to hug Papa and say our goodbyes to him.

Back in the car, as we looked on at Papa talking to his friend, my Mom grabbed my arm tightly and with great emotion said, "Sharon, something tells me that I will never see my Daddy again."

We returned home to Manns Harbor that day. Three days later, the morning of my 18th birthday, Papa was standing outside of a hardware store talking to a friend in Murfreesboro when a woman drove into the parking lot and her brakes failed. He died quickly.

At the funeral home, my mom and I did not go into the room where Papa lay in the casket. We had already said our goodbyes.

Sharon Rippons  
Manns Harbor  
Tideland EMC

## A farm boy and a frog

Like most farm boys who grew up in the 1920s, I spent a lot of time hunting or just in the woods or along creeks. One summer day when I was about 14 years old, I pulled a big old bullfrog from the creek bank. I put him in my pocket and started to the house thinking about those frog legs fried nice and brown for supper.

When I got to the house, there were several ladies visiting my mother on the front porch and I was so proud to show them the big frog I had caught. I pulled it out of my pocket, and as I was still holding on to the frog, a little water moccasin about six inches long crawled out of its mouth.

You should have seen those ladies running, climbing on chairs and screaming.

Wade Ferrell  
Durham  
Wake EMC

## The horse who preferred cash

We had a horse, and my husband would always give her treats. She liked to get his tobacco pouch out of his pocket. When she was around, he had to hide it.

One evening he sold a tractor and asked the buyer to come into the pasture with a carry-all hooked to his truck. They loaded the tractor, and the buyer paid with cash in a bank envelope. My husband had on a jogging suit without pockets so, not thinking, he just laid the envelope on a fence post and opened the gate to let the man out.

In the meantime, the horse came over, scooped up the envelope and started chewing. My husband saw her, grabbed her and reached in to retrieve it but couldn't.

His friends for weeks called to tease him about scratching through pasture waste looking for green or at least a little change in return.

We kept the horse a few more years, as my husband would say, to try to get his money's worth.

Joann Riddle  
Morganton  
Rutherford EMC

## When the tornado struck

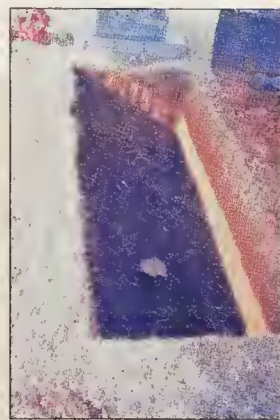
On April 15, 1996, a tornado demolished our mobile home in Duplin County. My two children and I were inside.

Arriving at home that afternoon, I noticed the darkening thunderclouds in the western sky. The storm struck within half an hour, bringing heavy rain, sharp lightning and gusty winds. As we sat in the living room, I heard the ominous rumbling freight train sound growing louder.

I yelled for the kids to get on the floor, diving on top of them as the tornado struck. The force of the funnel sucked up our home, sending things flying everywhere. The walls started to buckle and crack as the house turned on its side. The kids were screaming. The wall blew apart, tossing us out like a team of free-falling parachutists.

We landed more than 70 feet away amidst the scattered remains of our trailer. Thanks to a quick-thinking off-duty Highway Patrol officer, we got to Duplin General Hospital, where we were treated for minor injuries and released.

Randy Lewis  
Faison  
Four County EMC



## Slinking to high heaven

Two hours before a burial service last Jan. 11, someone at this northern Alexander County country church found a skunk in the open grave. The funeral home called Animal Control. By the time the burial was set to begin, it was obvious that someone had upset the skunk. The pastor at the graveside kept his remarks brief.

Jim Childers of Salisbury, who took the picture, says a friend believes the skunk was wandering around the graveyard at night without his lights on.

## Not my Myra

During World War II, I was a young naval aviator. After completing flight training in Florida, I was transferred to a small naval air station in northern California near the town of Eureka. While there I fervently pursued a young lady named Myra, who worked in the ticket booth of a local theater. But I didn't even get to first base with her, because she was in love with another Navy guy named Jack who was somewhere in the Pacific, and she had vowed to remain true to him.

Some months later I, too, was sent to the Pacific and assigned to a new squadron where I soon became close friends with another young flier whom I knew only as Broder. In fact, we were members of the same aircrew, and made a number of flights together. But it wasn't until I saw him gazing at the photograph of a beautiful young blond one night while writing his weekly love letter to her that I realized he was the lucky guy named Jack Broder whose girlfriend, Myra, I had wooed thousands of miles away in California the previous year.

Needless to say, I was wise enough not to share my knowledge of my acquaintance with his true love, and we remained friends for the rest of the war.

Howard E. Alley  
Highlands  
Haywood EMC

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## Bunny in the house

When their dog brought home a baby rabbit last May, Ruth White and her husband asked people for advice on what to do with it. They fed him puppy replacement milk from a bottle. Now Bun Bun enjoys milkweed, carrots, Dole salad mix, grass and tortilla chips. He splits his time between his cage out back and hopping around inside the house. He uses a pan of sand as a litter box. "He comes to us when we call him," Ruth says. "You have to see it to believe how fast he can run."

The Whites live in Lexington and are members of EnergyUnited.

## Finding the gold

We were married June 15, 1950. Several years later, Mary lost her engagement ring.

On June 14, 1999, I was chopping in the garden and noticed something gold. There was the missing ring. I rushed to the house with the ring hidden in my hand and proposed to Mary Lee again, and she agreed to marry me again. But she asked, "Why now?"

"I have something in my hand I think you will like," I replied.

"I bet it's another rock," she said.

"Yes," I said. "But I bet you'll like this one." I opened my hand and there was the ring, all five diamonds in place. The band was cut off on one side.

After a trip to the jewelry store, the ring was ready to wear again and Mary Lee proudly wears it everyday and plans to hold onto it.

Raeform and Mary Lee Hudson  
Rose Hill  
Four County EMC

## The kitchen table that saved lives

I was babysitting for the four children across the street. I was 14 at the time. The children were ages 4 to 11 – three boys and a girl. Their parents were late getting home that night and my Dad came over with a sweater and a flashlight for me. He told me to draw some water out and get the kids ready for bed, because there was a bad storm coming. They got into their pajamas, and we all had something to eat.

We could hear the wind and rain coming down and the house was shaking. The three boys slept in a big double bed in the back bedroom, so we all climbed into the bed with a storybook. The kids were just about asleep when a large drip from the roof started coming in on top of us. The lights started to flicker off and on. Something was making a hard noise on the window by the bed.

I didn't want the kids to see how afraid I was, but I didn't want to stay in that back room. So I got the kids up.

I had an idea to clean off the kitchen table and pull the chairs out and cover them with a sheet – we made a fort. We laid a blanket and the pillows under the table and knew we would be safe in our little fort. We started telling stories. The 4-year-old boy fell asleep in my arms, and his 6-year-old sister on the other side drifted off. The two older boys and I kept talking until we all fell asleep.

About 8 or 9 the next morning someone knocked on the door. I jumped up. It was my Dad. He wanted to know if we were all right. I said we were. He told me that there was a hurricane with winds over 100 mph. As I looked out the door I saw trash, wires down, windows broken and damage everywhere.

The house seemed okay in the front, but what we saw when we went into the back bedroom will horrify me forever.

The tree that stood by the side of the house – the tree where all the neighborhood children loved to climb and play – had broken in half and a large limb had crashed through the roof and window and landed on the double bed where we had been just hours ago. Glass, water and the tree covered the bed. It was hours before the children's parents made it home because of the damage downtown.

Now when I hear a storm is coming, I want to hide under a table.

Louise Sweet  
Mt. Gilead  
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## The acid baths

In my formative years, the late 1920s to early 1940s, I lived in the best place in the world: Ned Jones Hill in Lenoir. It is still the best. We had a neighborhood full of boys and girls and great places to play. We had hills, woods, meadows, pastures, sand pits, a spring, basements, Lower Creek, upstairs rooms and barns.

One afternoon we visited the wooded area now known as British Woods. We found what we were convinced was a perfect grapevine hanging from a tree. We could imitate a fellow we saw many times at the State Theater, Tarzan of the Apes. What a delightful afternoon of swinging and yelling.

A couple of days later we were all in misery from a red, itchy rash. One of the boys, Ned Powell, could hardly see. His eyes were swollen almost shut.

We had a wonderful neighbor who came to our rescue. He was Professor John S. Downing, a former professor of chemistry at Guilford College in Greensboro. Professor Downing loaded up the itchy neighborhood boys in his 1929 Chevy and drove us to his tannery in Valmead where he had several tanning vats waiting.

"Take off your clothes, boys, and jump in," he ordered. And we did.

The next day we did it again. We bathed in the tannic acid vats.

I guess it was about the most successful doctoring I've ever experienced. I definitely consider myself a man of distinction. Who else can truthfully say, "I've had my poison ivy treated by bathing in the tannic acid vats of a tannery"?

John R. Riggs  
Lenoir  
Blue Ridge Electric

## When aliens landed at Hardee's



My brother knew how much Mama liked to eat breakfast at Hardee's, so he gave her some gift certificates to Hardee's for her birthday. I asked Mama if I could take a picture of her eating breakfast there so my brother could see how much she enjoyed it. She said okay.

She and I took our food to the far side of Hardee's where there were no people. I faced Mama, who had her back to the wall; and right behind her was a large picture covered in glass.

When I snapped the picture of Mama, the flash from the camera reflected off the picture glass and lit up the entire

place. To our surprise, the people went crazy saying they thought aliens from another planet had caused the flash. When they settled down a little, I raised the camera and snapped another picture. Well, the people were almost hysterical this time, running around looking for aliens.

Needless to say, Mama and I could hardly eat for laughing; but we never did tell the people what the flashes really were. We left there with a smile on our faces, and we still smile every time we think about the aliens at Hardee's.

Connie Beck  
Lexington  
EnergyUnited



## This one got away

It was a foggy morning just before dawn on March 21, 1997, when the driver of this truck missed a turn on his way to Harris Lake for a day of bass fishing. The truck hit the wall of their house, and the boat sailed off the trailer and straight into the bedroom where Tony and Deborah Cox were sleeping. No one was seriously hurt.

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### Liberty Antiques Festival

The Liberty antiques festival, once voted the best outdoor show in the Southeast by Mid-Atlantic Antiques Magazine, will be held on April 27-28 and September 28-29 this year. The festival has over 350 dealers from more than 22 states selling furniture, paintings, pottery, glass, clocks, dolls, toys, military items, fishing collectibles, decoys, jewelry, quilts, folk art and much more. The festival is located on a farm outside of Liberty, North Carolina, just off John Marsh Rd. on old 421. Admission is \$5 per person and children under 12 are free. For more information call (336) 622-3040.

### Ole Time Fiddler's & Bluegrass Festival

Tickets are now on sale for the Fiddler's Grove music festival. The three-day festival will be held May 25-27, 2001 and is the oldest continuously running festival of its kind in North America. Adult tickets for the entire festival cost \$45. Other ticket options are available. For more information visit [www.fiddlersgrove.com](http://www.fiddlersgrove.com) or write to Fiddler's Grove, PO Box 11, Union Grove, NC 28689.



### Help the Amish, Buy a Quilt

Formed 14 years ago, Amish Country Quilts & Crafts was formed by Jane Benton to help her Amish friends and neighbors, many of whom were, and still are, being forced to leave their family farms. Despite that, many of them still follow the ways of a farming life and are skilled artisans. Jane collects handmade items from her friends and neighbors in Lancaster County, Pa., and travels throughout the country selling quilts, wall hangings, pillows, toys, furniture, rugs and more. Her 11th sale in Raleigh will be held April 20 from noon to 8 p.m. and April 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to get into the sale which will be held at the NC State Fairgrounds in the Gov. Holshouser Building.



## A Catalog to the North Carolina countryside



### Buncombe Bob

Robert Rice Reynolds, U.S. Senator from North Carolina from 1933 to 1945, was one of the most eccentric politicians in American history. His travels, his five marriages, his public faux pas, and his flamboyant campaigns provided years of amusement for his constituents. A new biography, "Buncombe Bob: The Life & Times of Robert Rice Reynolds" by Julian M. Pleasants, strives to rescue Reynolds from his cartoon-character reputation by understanding him in the context of Depression-era North Carolina.

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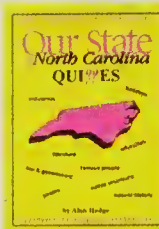


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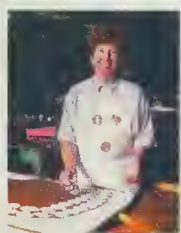




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# Buying and selling on the Internet without cash



For years pundits have predicted that the digital age would usher in the paperless office and the cashless society. But computers have led to more paper not less. And though getting cash may be more convenient with computerized ATMs, the need for it is no less great.

Significant change is in the works, at least on the money front.

Today you can carry out transactions using your personal computer and the Internet without exchanging cash. You can buy, and you can sell, and you don't even need a credit card.

Online auctions have been the catalyst behind the innovations, says Mark Morgan, a research analyst who specializes in e-finance for the San Francisco investment bank Putnam Lovell. The biggest mover here is a little-known, meteorically growing, and controversial company named PayPal.

Out of the heart of the Silicon Valley, PayPal has vaulted in little over a year from nowhere into first place as the world's largest Internet-based payment network. More than five million people now use its PayPal service, according to a company spokesperson. This constitutes more than 10 percent of all Internet traffic in the financial services sector — more people than are served by big names such as Citibank, Wells Fargo, and Bank of America combined.

For consumers and businesses, PayPal offers useful services, and for businesses, useful lessons as well.

Using PayPal, at [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com), you can quickly and conveniently pay for goods or services by having money transferred from your bank account, credit card account, or PayPal money market account. The kicker here is that you can sell over the Internet without a credit card merchant account, which for individuals and even small businesses can be difficult or expensive to obtain.

PayPal used to promote itself as being “always free,” in its logo no less, but it now charges if you buy or sell more than specified amounts. It can still be a good deal, compared with other options.

But PayPal's abruptly changing its terms of service created a storm of protest — Internet message forums were flooded with scathing complaints and calls for boycotts. In what undoubtedly is a side effect of this, the Better Business Bureau just gave PayPal an “unsatisfactory” rating.

PayPal will likely weather this deluge in part because a key competitor, ExchangePath, just went belly-up. But it could have handled things better.

Sure, in today's brutal dot-com shakeout, businesses need to make money rather than just coax venture capital and grow market share. But the transition from free to pay should be planned and managed. PayPal's lesson to other businesses is a commonsensical one: Don't promise what you may not be able to deliver.

PayPal isn't the only player in the “person-to-person payment” market. Ecount, based in Conshohocken, Pa., is carving out space for itself by marketing to banks and credit card companies rather than directly to individuals or small businesses, says Matt Gillin, the company's CEO and president.

Individuals can still sign up, at [www.eaccount.com](http://www.eaccount.com), and more than 800,000 have, often those wary of using credit cards over the Internet. You can use the service with any merchant who accepts MasterCard payments, unlike with PayPal, which requires the merchant to have a PayPal account.

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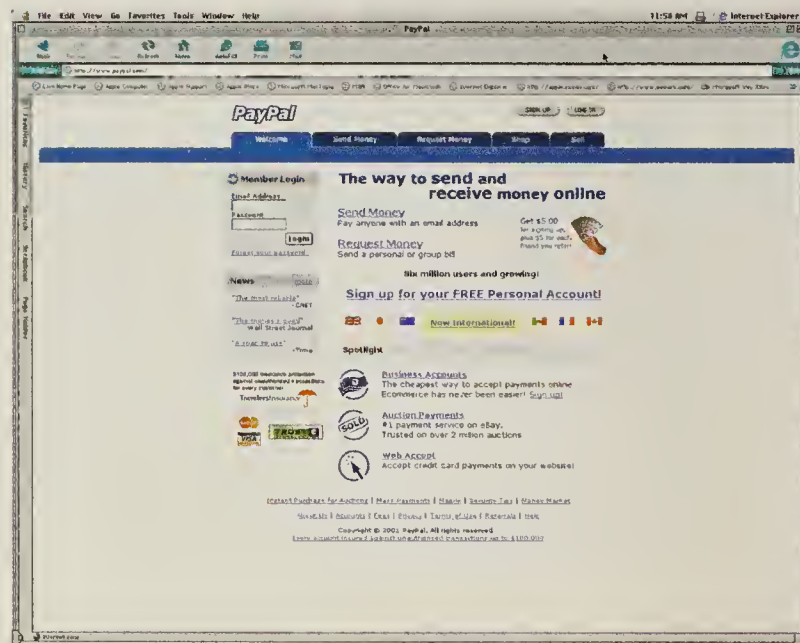
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Any electronic payment service worth its silicon makes security top priority, but you have to do your share too. Don't use the same password for your e-cash account as your e-mail account. Recently hackers got into the PayPal accounts of some Hotmail users by hacking their Hotmail passwords.

Also, beware of “spoof” sites with names such as PayPai that try to trick you into giving up your password. It's best to log directly onto sites such as PayPal than to go to them via possibly bogus links in e-mail messages.

E-payment companies have grandiose plans, with dollar bills flashing before their eyes. The ultimate goal: One payment system that replaces not only cash, but credit cards and checking accounts as well.

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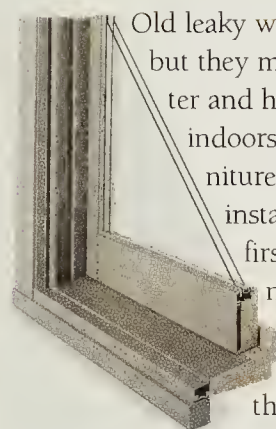
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# Wood-framed replacement windows may yield energy savings

By James Dulley



Old leaky windows not only drive up your utility bills, but they make you feel uncomfortably cold in the winter and hot in the summer, allow dust/allergens indoors, sweat during cold weather, and allow furniture and carpeting to fade. And when you install good-quality replacement windows, the first thing you will notice is reduced road noise near a window.

*An aluminum-clad wood frame window with double pane glass.*

Wood frames are still very popular for new and replacement windows, even though they may require some maintenance, because no other frame materials match their beauty. Many windows, with natural wood interior surfaces and vinyl- and aluminum-clad wood exteriors are virtually maintenance-free. Many of the non-clad windows are painted with high-tech polymer coatings and are extremely durable.

The year-round utility bill savings from installing new replacement windows results primarily from the new, more efficient types of glass and airtight weatherstripping. Since the window frame itself makes up a relatively small percentage of the total window opening, its design and manufacturing quality are more important than its material type.

The wood frame material itself, with its billions of microscopic pores and air pockets, is a natural insulator and never feels cold to the touch. With the many new types of low-emissivity thermal glass available, with up to four panes and/or films, window condensation will be very rare and you won't get that chilly feeling when sitting near a window at night.

Whether or not installing replacement windows will provide a good economic payback is a difficult question to answer. My advice is to be wary of any claims that sound too good to be true.

The actual dollar payback from lower utility bills depends on many factors: efficiency of your heating and air-conditioning system, number and orientation (to the sun) of the windows, condition of your existing windows, etc. Ask several window contractors to do computerized savings payback analyses for you. Keep in mind that other non-economic, convenience advantages of installing new windows are also important.

Wood window frames provide a virtually endless array of styles, shapes and sizes. It is much less expensive for the manufacturers to make the tooling to machine wood for various frame contours than it is for aluminum or fiberglass. This makes them ideal for older houses where you may want to match the existing windows. If you prefer the natural look of a clear finish, windows made of mahogany, teak, cherry, redwood and ash are available.

Almost all the wood window manufacturers offer the standard styles of single- and double-hung, casements, awning, hopper, etc. For the greatest overall efficiency, choose casement windows that close on the weatherstripping with a compression fit. This provides a long-term airtight seal. In the non-heating seasons, casement windows, when partially opened, catch and direct gentle breezes indoors for natural ventilation.

More domestic companies now offer tilt-turn windows that have been popular in Europe for years. This window design provides the airtight compression sealing benefits of casement windows as well as security against unwanted guests when the window is opened for ventilation.

Tilt-turn windows have a set of hinges both on the side and at the bottom of the window sash. By turning the latch handle 90 degrees, either the side or the bottom hinges are actuated. When the side hinges are actuated, the window swings in like a reverse casement window. You can open it any amount you wish.

For ventilation with security, rotate the handle to lock the side hinges and actuate the bottom ones. This allows the window to tilt in a bit at the top for ventilation. In this position, it allows air to flow in, but it would be difficult for a thief to squeeze through.

Once you have selected the style of window that you desire, you must select the type of glass. The best type of glass to select will depend on your climate and whether winter heating or summer air-conditioning bills are your primary concern. In most cases, some type of thermal pane glass with a low-emissivity coating or film in between the panes would be the minimum quality to accept.

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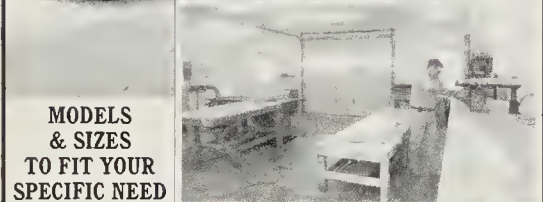
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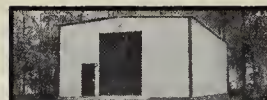
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D A R E  
 — — — —  
 — — — — —  
 — — — — —  
 D U R H A M

## Digit Detection

Given the simultaneous equations above, can you find the value of EASTER?

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$$E+E=T \quad R-S=T$$

$$E-A=S \quad (EA)^2=STER$$

	E	A	S	T	E	R
9						
8						X
7						X
6						
5						
4						
3						X
2	X				X	X
1	X				X	
0	X				X	

## MATH words

Letters have been substituted for digits in this division puzzle. Can you replace the digits that change MARCH to APRIL?

Repeated letters stand for repeated digits.

A P R I L  
 I | M A R C H  
 I  
 — L A  
 L A  
 — R  
 R  
 — C  
 C  
 — H  
 H  
 —

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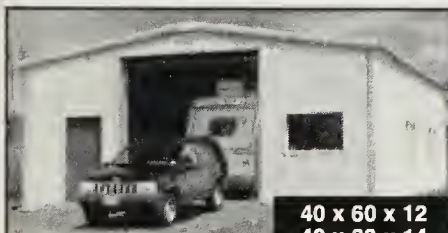
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Through April 6, Winston-  
Salem  
The Gallery at Old Salem,  
(888) 653-7253,  
[www.oldsalem.org](http://www.oldsalem.org)

### **Southern Ideal Home Show**

April 6-8, Charlotte  
Charlotte Merchandise Mart,  
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## **Spring Craft Show**

April 6-8, Mount Airy  
Mayberry Mall, (336) 786-1005

## **Carolina Model Railroaders Swap Meet & Train Show**

April 7, Greensboro  
National Guard Armory,  
(336) 784-8124,  
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## **Stoneybrook Steeplechase**

April 7, Hoke County  
Five Points Horse Park,  
(888) 615-4520

## **Doc Watson and David Holt**

April 7, High Point  
Concert, (336) 887-3001

## **52nd Annual House and Garden Tour of Southern Pines**

April 11, Southern Pines  
(910) 692-3965

## **8th Annual Spring Kiln Opening**

April 13-15, Seagrove  
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ies, (336) 873-7304

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April 13-15, Greensboro  
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Greensboro Coliseum Special  
Events Center, (336) 373-7400

## **Antique & Classic Car & Truck Show**

April 14, Advance  
Shady Grove Elementary  
School, (336) 998-6136

## **A Celebration of Provence**

April 19-May 6, Charlotte  
Art, music, gastronomy, wines,  
traditional cottage industries,  
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## **Piedmont EMC Annual Meeting**

April 20, Hillsborough  
Orange High School,  
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April 20-21, Raleigh  
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families, NC State Fairgrounds,  
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## **A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline**

April 21, Mocksville  
Brock Performing Arts Center,  
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April 21, Union Grove  
Union Grove school grounds,  
(704) 539 4976

## **Loch Norman Highland Games**

April 21-22, Huntersville  
Scottish musical and athletic  
competition, (704) 875-3113,  
[www.LochNorman.org](http://www.LochNorman.org)

## **Historic Home Tour**

April 21-22, Warrenton  
(252) 257-4391

## **Artshow 2001**

April 22-May 20, Mount Airy  
Mount Airy Public Library,  
(800) 286-6193

## **"Noble Dreams, Wicked Pleasures: Orientalism in America, 1870-1930"**

Through April 22, Charlotte  
Exhibit, Mint Museum of Art,  
(704) 337-2101,  
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## **Alamance/Burlington Senior Games**

April 23-May 15, Burlington  
Competition for 55+,  
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## **Civil War Surrender Re-enactment**

April 26-27, Durham  
Re-enactment of Sherman-  
Johnston surrender negotia-  
tions, Bennett Place State  
Historic Site, (919) 383-4345

## **Southern Women's Show**

April 26-29, Raleigh  
Raleigh Convention &  
Conference Center,  
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## **Antiques Festival**

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## **Shiloh Airshow**

April 28, Stoneville  
WWII airplanes, antique  
planes, (336) 573-3115

## **Anson Arts & Heritage Festival**

April 28, Polkton  
Leonidas L. Polk Campus of  
South Piedmont  
Community College,  
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## **Johnnie Tilley Memorial Bluegrass Festival**

April 28, Statesville  
Central Elementary School,  
(704) 876-2664

## **"Brain Teasers"**

Through May 5, Oxford  
Problem solving puzzles exhib-  
it, Granville County Museum,  
(919) 693-9706,  
[www.oxfordnc.org/museum.html](http://www.oxfordnc.org/museum.html)

## **"Rail Days"**

April 28-29, Spencer North  
Carolina Transportation  
Museum, (877) NCTM-FUN,  
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## **Color, Myth, and Music: Stanton Macdonald-Wright and Synchronism**

Through July 1, Raleigh  
Painting exhibition, NC  
Museum of Art,  
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### **"Down the Garden Path" Show**

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April 1, Wilmington  
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### **Coastal Living Show**

Through April 1, Wilmington  
UNCW, Trask Coliseum,  
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### **54th Annual Azalea Festival**

April 5-8, Wilmington  
Various venues,  
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### **Doc Watson, Richard Watson and David Holt**

April 6, Wilson  
Concert, (252) 291-4329





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April 6-7, Newport  
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**Fly into Spring**  
April 7-8, Nags Head  
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**Handel's "Messiah"**  
April 14, Terra Ceia  
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Community Choir, Terra Ceia  
Christian Reformed Church,  
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**Hatteras Art & Craft Show**  
April 14, Buxton  
Hatteras School,  
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**Senior Games by the Sea**  
April 16-20, Wilmington  
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April 21, Wilmington  
Dublilee Park, (910) 350-3554

**Elizabethan Gardens 50th  
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April 21, Manteo  
(800) 446-6262

**Ford Mustang Car Show**  
April 21, Goldsboro  
Berkeley Mall, (252) 566-3826

## Inter-Tribal Powwow

April 21-22,  
Hatteras  
Island  
Enjoy  
native  
foods, music, crafts, storytelling,  
etc., Cape Hatteras School,  
(252) 995-4440,  
<http://nativeamericanmuseum.org>

**Civil War Encampment**  
April 21-22, Richlands  
Onslow County Museum,  
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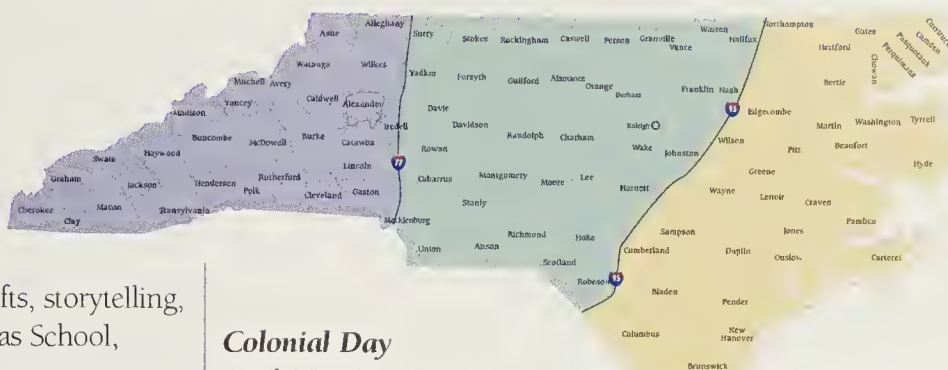
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April 27-28, Morehead City  
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April 27-29, Mount Olive  
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Festival**  
April 27-29, Beaufort  
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April 28-29, MCAS Cherry  
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## Ask Hank

**Q.** My hollies are healthy, but never have red berries. I would really like for them to have berries this winter. What can I do so they will produce berries?

**A.** Many hollies require a male and female plant to cause the female holly to produce berries. Apparently your hollies are all the same sex. When the plants are in bloom, use a magnifying glass to examine the flower. If it is a male plant, you will see small flecks of powdery yellow pollen on the tips of tiny anthers. If the bloom is composed of a center shaft with a sticky appearing material at the tip, the plant is female. If you have all females, planting a male holly nearby will solve the problem. Plants should be purchased when in bloom, and don't forget to carry a magnifying glass with you to the nursery.

Send your questions for Hank to [Carolina.country@ncemcs.com](mailto:Carolina.country@ncemcs.com) or P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, NC 27611.

## Corn time

For continuous harvest, plant a couple of rows of corn every two weeks until hot weather arrives. Planting three kernels to a hill and spacing hills a foot apart requires about  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound of seed for each 100 feet of row. Some varieties are ready for harvest about 70 days after planting; some varieties do not turn their sugar content to starch as rapidly as other varieties. Most varieties are excellent for freezing. It is also a good time to plant snap beans, okra and squash; and set transplants of tomatoes and sweet peppers.

## Shy forsythias

After a few years of growth, forsythia plants tend to decline in flower production. It is helpful to apply a cup of 5-10-5 commercial fertilizer in April. One cup per plant, worked into the soil around the roots should be sufficient. Also beneficial is processed cow manure, available at garden centers. Work about four cupfuls around each plant.

## Care of seedlings

When two or three sets of leaflets are visible on seedlings in a seed container, they may be transplanted to individual pots for further growth. Carefully prick out the delicate plants with the handle of a spoon, avoiding injury to roots. In each individual pot, use a sharpened pencil to poke a hole deep enough to receive the seedling's roots. Plant only one seedling per pot. If seedlings are to remain in the seed container until they are planted outside, thin plants whenever their leaves overlap with neighbors. This helps prevent their getting leggy.

## Black 'n' white

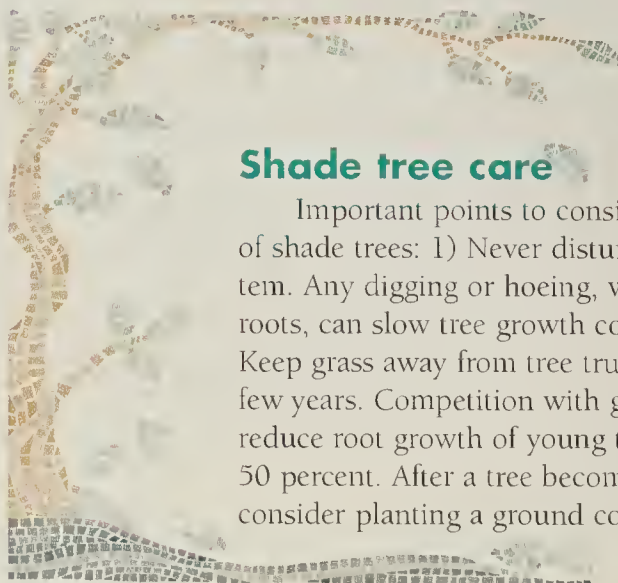
Just as the portrait photographer selects a contrasting background for a subject, the landscape horticulturist should consider the contrast between background and foreground. When choosing flowers, consider that most photographers will choose a dark background for a blond subject, and a light background for a dark haired subject. Be sure to consider the color of a building when selecting shrubs and flowers to plant at the foundation. You can add depth to your view of a dark fence or wall by planting solid green shrubs at their bases. This contributes to the illusion that there is more lawn space in front of the shrubs.

## Perennial care

In order to maintain the perennial flower border at its best from year to year, soil fertility must be kept at a constantly high level. Two applications of a complete fertilizer should be given during the season, one in the spring after active growth appears, and the second in early summer. A commercial fertilizer of 4-12-4 or a 4-8-6 mixture will provide nutrients needed for good growth. Apply 2 pounds per 100 feet, or 3 ounces per square yard. Sprinkle fertilizer over the surface of the bed, cultivate lightly into soil, and water well. Every 4 to 6 years, dig, divide and replant perennials. Perennials like yarrow, peonies, and dianthus bloom in late spring.

## Hydrangeas: house vs. yard

When grown as potted plants, hydrangeas tend to become root bound if left in the same pot for several years. Roots will fill all the soil space, with little room left for them to develop. When this happens they need to be shifted to larger pots, or transplanted to the yard. Hydrangeas grow best and produce more blooms in the open.



## Shade tree care

Important points to consider in the care of shade trees: 1) Never disturb the root system. Any digging or hoeing, which damages roots, can slow tree growth considerably. 2) Keep grass away from tree trunks for the first few years. Competition with grasses can reduce root growth of young trees as much as 50 percent. After a tree becomes established, consider planting a ground cover beneath it.



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## Easter Bunny Bread

*With its toothy grin, lovely golden crust and tummy that's perfect for serving dip, this charming rabbit is sure to bring a smile to guests young and old.*

2 loaves (1 pound each) frozen bread dough, thawed  
2 raisins  
2 sliced almonds  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
Lettuce leaves  
**Mushroom Spinach Dip**

Cut a fourth off of one loaf of dough; shape into a pear to form head. For body, flatten remaining portion into a 7-inch by 6-inch oval; place on a greased baking sheet. Place head above body. Make narrow cuts, about  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deep, on each side of head for whiskers.

Cut second loaf into four equal portions. For ears, shape two portions into 16-inch ropes; fold ropes in half. Arrange ears with open ends touching head. Cut a third portion of dough in half; shape each into a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch oval for back paws. Cut two 1-inch slits on top edge for toes. Position on each side of body.

Divide the fourth portion of dough into three pieces. Shape two pieces into  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch balls for front paws; shape the remaining piece into two 1-inch balls for

cheeks and one  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch ball for nose. Place paws on each side of body; cut two 1-inch slits for toes. Place cheeks and nose on face. Add raisins for eyes and almonds for teeth.

Brush dough with egg. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 30-45 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to a wire rack to cool.

Place bread on a lettuce-lined 16-inch by 13-inch serving tray. Cut a 5-inch by 4-inch oval in center of body. Hollow out bread, leaving a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch shell (discard removed bread or save for another use). Line with lettuce and fill with dip. Yield: 1 loaf

## Mushroom Spinach Dip

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*This thick creamy mixture is easy to stir up and gets its fresh flavor from mushrooms, spinach and green onions. Serve it in the fun Easter Bunny Bread or in a bowl with a platter of crackers or crunchy vegetables.*

1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups (12 ounces) sour cream  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1 package vegetable soup mix  
1 cup chopped fresh mushrooms  
3 green onions, finely chopped  
**Raw vegetables or crackers**

In a bowl, combine the spinach, sour cream, mayonnaise, soup mix, mushrooms and onions; mix well. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. Serve with vegetables or crackers. Yield: 3 cups

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